

CRISIS IN WHEAT CONFRONTS WORLD

Crop in America Little More
than Half of Last
Year's Yield

FURTHER ADVANCES IN PRICE LIKELY

Other Governments Controlling Distribution—Nothing Done by United States—Farmers Urged to Plant All Winter Wheat Possible.

A wheat crisis confronts the world. The American wheat crop, which last year amounted to 1,011,555,000 bushels, this year totals only 607,557,000 bushels. This means a crop disaster. Even the total of 607,557,000 bushels estimated by the government fails to represent the full shrinkage in the yield, for the spring wheat of this year averages ten pounds per bushel less than the regulation weight. This makes the total crop equivalent to only 585,000,000 bushels.

In Chicago wheat sells today at nearly \$1.70 a bushel. The prediction is that it will sell at \$2 a bushel and, possibly, \$2.50 or \$3.00. Flour, which last year sold at \$6.50 a barrel, is close now to \$10 a barrel. There are fears that it will go to \$12 or even higher. The price of bread has been advanced throughout the land or the size of the loaf curtailed.

Great Britain has taken under government control the importation of all wheat into England. This practically means the commandeering of the wheat supplies of Canada, Australia and all other British possessions. To supplement the supply Canada can furnish, Canada's crop being almost a failure. Great Britain is drawing heavily on America's scant store of grain.

Switzerland has granaries under government control to safeguard supplies for the people.

France has taken over the regulation of grain within its dominions, fixing the price, directing the distribution and specifying the amount the various districts and individual dealers may obtain. Germany has under government direction not only wheat, but every other character of food.

Every nation, except America, recognizes the food crisis and has organized its forces to meet the situation.

Unorganized America is doing nothing but trusting to blind chance. Bread is the staff of life. To furnish bread to America's 100,000,000 inhabitants every bushel of wheat now in this country is necessary. To permit any further drain upon our supply, is to court disaster. The price of bread has climbed to a point where, with the general high cost of living, it has become serious to millions of people. To drive it higher, much higher, means less food for the poor, for the wage scale is not kept in balance with the cost scale.

No public authority in the United States is giving attention to the matter. Day by day foreign buyers are lessening America's supply through their purchases in the Chicago market. Day by day engagements are being made for more and more shipments of wheat to Europe. With utter recklessness America is permitting European buyers and American exporters to make more and more acute a situation that has elements of peril.

Against organized Europe what can unorganized America do? The highest authority in the United States, the

President, probably would do nothing until after election, and then, if he decides to act, he would have to await the pleasure of congress. By that time the harm would be done beyond repair. One thing possible and urgent is a campaign to induce farmers to plant every acre they can to winter wheat. Another is to spread far and wide the knowledge of the use of cornmeal and other substitutes for flour.

Foresight, the spreading of all the facts before the people, may lessen the danger that a lack of wheat holds for this country, for hindsight will never help out if bread is scarce.

HELD ON BURGLARY CHARGE.

Three Alleged to Have Had Part in Robbing Bennington Factory.

BENNINGTON, Oct. 25. — Walter Viault, Ralph Clark and Mrs. F. A. Kendall were arraigned in Municipal court yesterday charged with conspiracy in the robberies which the proprietors allege have been in progress for some time at the factory of Bottom & Torrance.

The case of Viault, a former employee of the firm, who is charged with burglary, was continued to Thursday. Clark and Mrs. Kendall waived examination and were held for the grand jury. Clark is charged with larceny and Mrs. Kendall with the receiving of stolen goods.

The hearings are the result of the arrest of Viault, who was discovered in the factory by the watchman last week Thursday night. Viault and the watchman had a fight in which the alleged burglar was severely beaten and kicked down a flight of stairs. The presence of Viault in the building confirmed the suspicion of the firm that they had been systematically robbed of materials, finished sheets, pillow cases and collars, and an investigation followed.

BELLOWS FALLS.

Colored Bridegroom Leaves Bride at Church.

Harry Armstrong of Bellows Falls, the groom-to-be at the wedding of himself and Miss Ellen Brown of Walpole, N. H., failed to show up at the church Oct. 12, the date set for the ceremony, as the result of which Miss Brown has been very ill. Armstrong and his fiancée were a colored couple, but the latter has been very popular in Walpole and many invitations were sent out for the wedding. The guests arrived and everything was in readiness for the ceremony except the bridegroom, who has not yet been located. No reason is known for his departure from Bellows Falls.

Mrs. Silas Faulkner.

Mrs. Lucinda B. Faulkner, wife of Silas Faulkner, died Tuesday in Springfield, Mass., after a short illness. She was 74 years old and a native of Grafton, where she spent her early life. Mrs. Faulkner had been a resident of Springfield four years. She was a member of the Universalist church in Bellows Falls. Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Martha E. French of Springfield, Mass., and Miss Bessie Faulkner of Windsor, and one grandson. The body was brought here for burial in the family lot.

LONDONDERRY.

Pension of \$40 a Month for Life.

Fred Parker, who was with his parents here all summer on account of illness and returned to his home in Wilimansett, Mass., a short time ago, is able to work in the office, and the Standard Oil Co. for whom he works, has pensioned him at \$40 a month for life.

Amos Stone is ill.

George Chadwick has sold his farm to O. D. Parker.

Mrs. Inger of Joplin, Mo., is visiting her niece, Mrs. F. M. Leonard.

Guy Bonnds is home from Springfield on account of an injured hand.

Mrs. Emory Wilder of Manchester visited her son here last week.

George Abbott and family have moved to Rutland, where he has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Douglas have gone to Springfield, Mass., for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Stillman Childs and daughter have returned to their home in Newport, N. H.

Little Myrtle Stone, who broke one bone in her arm last week, is getting along finely.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralven of Long Island, N. Y., are staying at their home here a few days.

Della Burton, who was at A. H. Wade's all summer, has returned to Springfield to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb and sons of Whitehall, N. Y., were guests over Sunday of his sister, Mrs. A. H. Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and son, Rupert, attended a harvest supper in Wardsboro last week Wednesday evening.

Mr. Pond and family returned from Keene, N. H., to George Shattuck's Wednesday and left Friday for their home in Niagara, N. Y.

WEST CHESTERFIELD, N. H.

The Sunshine club will meet with Mrs. Hugh Guild Thursday, Nov. 2.

The Grange fair and dance will be held Friday afternoon and evening, Oct. 27.

Mrs. Carrie S. Farr went Tuesday to Malden, Mass., to visit her son, Frank Blood.

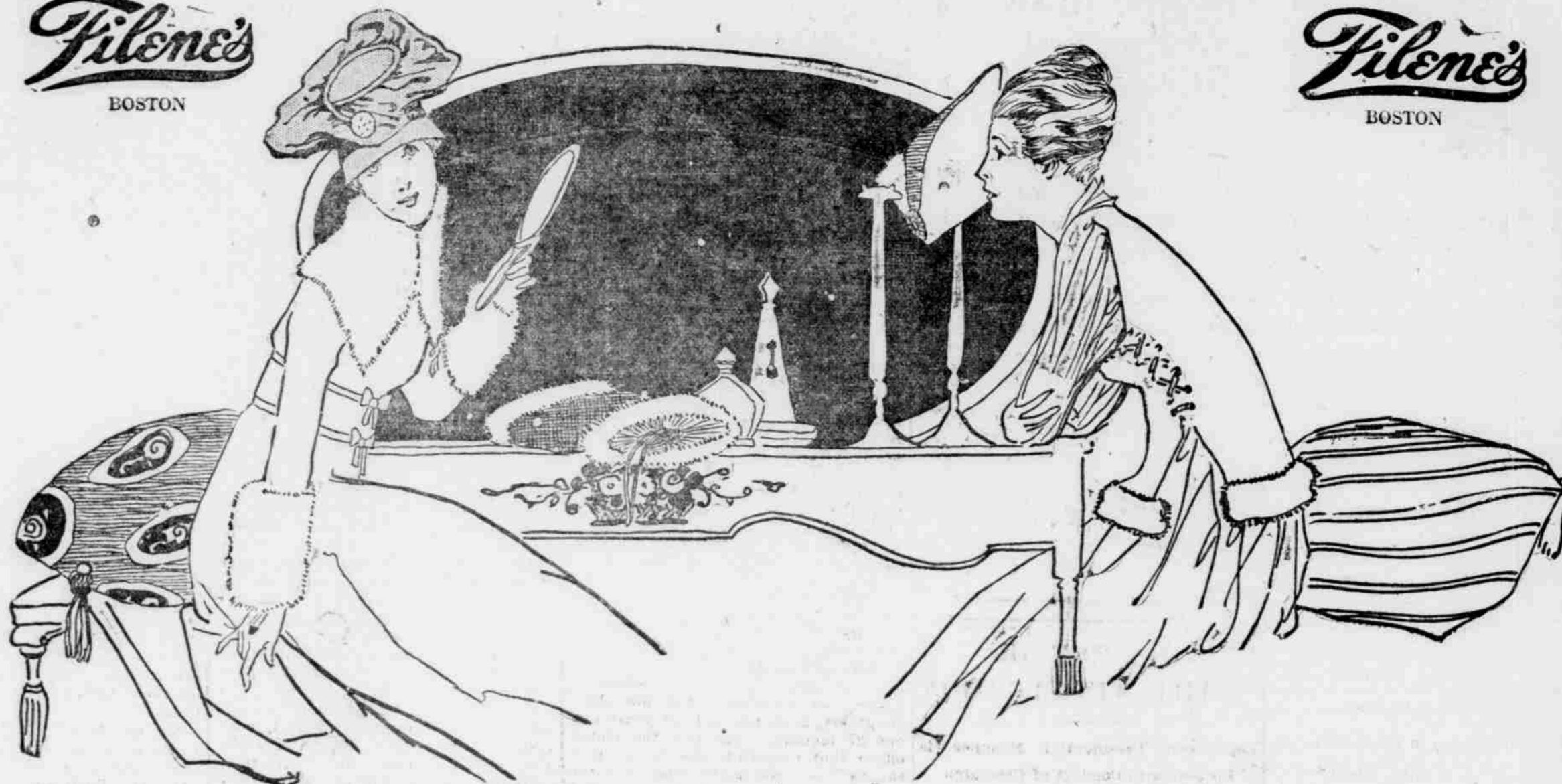
The Cozy Corner club will meet Saturday, Nov. 4, with Bertha Amidon. They met last Saturday with Evelyn Puffer.

Several from here attended the dairy show in Springfield and reported an enjoyable time. O. Cobleigh and son, Merle, Sherman Rice, William Clarke, Arthur Welcome, Louis Chickering, Pierson Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Larkin D. Farr and Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Herriek were among them.

WEST DOWRY.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Groat and Harry Harvey returned home Sunday from a week's visit to Greenfield, South Hadley Falls, Springfield and Boston.

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A little chat about fall fashions as seen by Filene experts

HATS The main thing to keep in mind is that hats are simple—so simple they take an artist to make. Velvet is the one most wanted material, and already it is scarce in the wanted grades and colors. What a good opportunity to say we have plenty!

Many colors—Here is a list according to their importance: purple, taupe, gold, silver, Burgundy, Hessian blue, flag blue, midnight blue, rose des alpes, cherry red, brown, black—all sizes.

SUITS Soft wool velours and broadcloth are the most wanted materials—whether one pays \$25 or \$225. The fur-trimmed suit is the favorite—the favorite furs are the short-haired kinds, especially moleskin and Hudson seal.

Many suit-coats are longer, to be sure—so much longer that some can be worn as separate coats. But short coats are good also; that is to say, coats that come to the finger tips or within an inch or two. Suit collars are generally of the big, convertible sailor type. Women want colored suits—Burgundy, purple, brown, taupe, green, as well as blue and black.

BLOUSES First comes Georgette crepe in the new suit colors or in white and pink; then crepe de chine, plaids and stripes, and laces.

The coat waist with a peplum that is worn outside the skirt keeps coming over from Paris in new versions. It is one of the best of the new ideas.

COATS Bolivia cloth is supreme as far as coats are concerned. Silk plushes are coming, velours are very, very good and, we may add, exceedingly practical. Mixtures and broadcloth hold their own.

Colored coats are the rule—Burgundy, taupe, brown, green, purple, with blue and black as after thoughts.

Coats are mostly of the motor-coat type—long, loose, full—Coats are beautiful this season.

DRESSES Serge dresses dominate—in fact, most of the designing genius has been expended on serge dresses. The smartest styles, the leading styles, the most elaborate styles are practically all in serge.

For other materials, there is wool jersey for the street, satin and charmeuse for afternoon and taffeta for evening parties.

The dress silhouette is distinctive—the waistline is not of any account, it may be high, low, natural, or there may be none at all. The weight hangs from the shoulders, and the line from shoulder to hem is approximately straight.

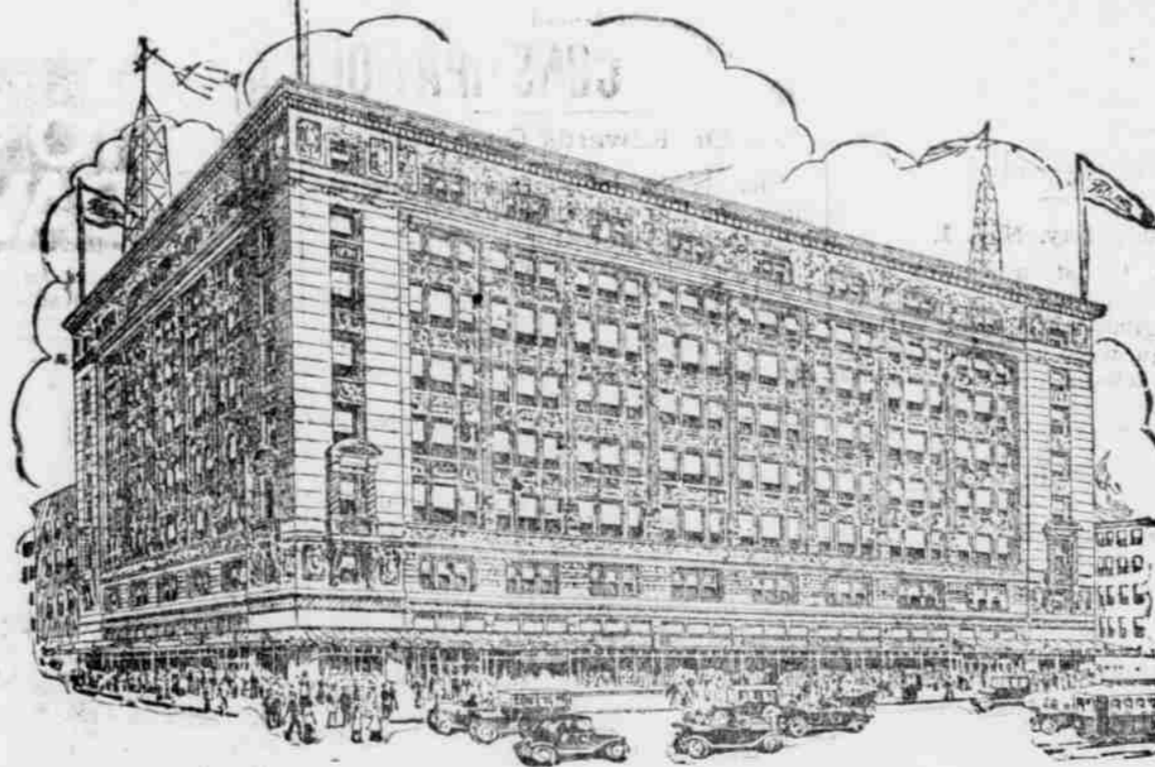
SKIRTS Skirts are still short—not horribly short, you know, but short. Nevertheless there is a conspiracy afoot to lengthen them. We hope women will continue to hold out against the long skirt, because the short one is so becoming and sensible.

CORSETS The Fall corsets are built to make women look normal. There is no exaggeration in any direction—the back is straight, the front is straight, the bust is normal, the waist keeps its natural slight curve.

COLOR A woman can buy everything in the prominent new colors, —Burgundy, taupe and purple—her hats, petticoats, suits, coats and blouses and what not.

SWEATERS For Fall sweater fashions—plaid sweaters, middie sweaters that go over the head, fur-trimmed silk sweaters and Shetland sweaters, with Angora collars and cuffs.

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Sporting Notes.

Brooklyn fans are signing a petition for Sunday baseball next season.

Thirteen members of the Princeton football squad will graduate next June which makes considerable of a problem for "Speedy" Rush next season, if he has time to look that far ahead.

"Jim" Robertson of the Dartmouth

freshman team holds the present season record for drop kicks. He made one from the 40-yard line in the game against Andover last Saturday.

Ty Cobb's barnstorming in Connecticut hasn't been all pleasure. In a recent exhibition game in Putnam, he held up the management for more money before the game started and wouldn't play until he got it. When the fans learned this, they became sore

on Cobb and rode him continually during the game. To make it worse he played only five innings, drawing the color line when a negro went in to pitch for the opposition. Primarily, Cobb was the cause of the late starting of a game in Hartford last week also. A sheriff was on hand to watch the receipts and if his claim was taken, not enough would be left to pay Cobb. The case was patched up agreeably, however, by the filing of a bond.

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